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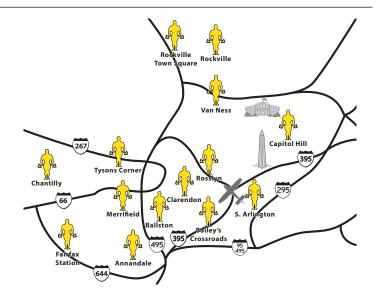
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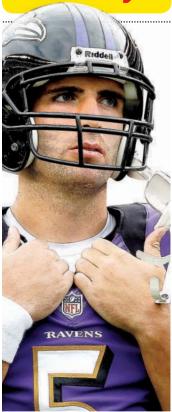
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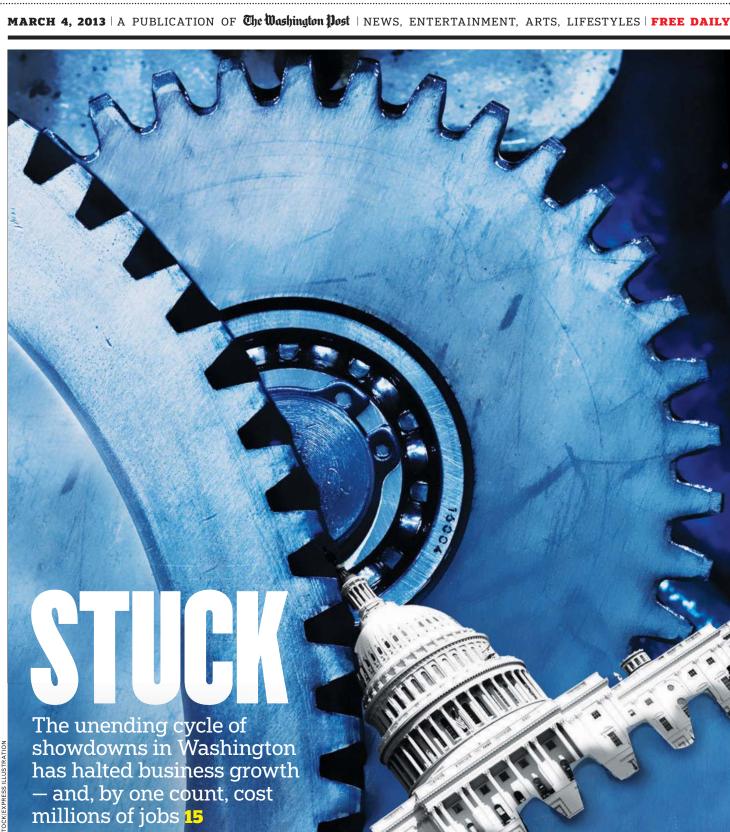
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Canadian Beer Is Worth It

A Canadian couple faces domestic assault charges after attacking each other with chips and dip after apparently fighting over the last beer. Police in Lindsay, Ontario, say they were called early Friday to a home where there had been 15 previously documented domestic disputes. When officers arrived, they found both the 39-year-old man and the 41-year-old woman covered in chips and dip. Their names were not released. (AP)

REMINDERS

"Upside-down plates don't fool the cameras."

- CHRISTA DEASON, SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, REMINDING MOTORISTS THAT FLIPPING THEIR VEHICLE'S TAG LIPSIDE DOWN TO TRICK A TOLL OR RED-LIGHT CAMERA WON'T WORK, THE SUN-SENTINEL REPORTED SUNDAY

OPPORTUNITIES

Mayor Announces Impromptu Bring-Your-Own-Fries Event

What looked like a potentially grim mess Thursday on Interstate 80 in Reno, Nev., was just the aftermath of a wreck involving a semi-trailer truck hauling thousands of bottles of Heinz ketchup. The Reno Gazette-Journal reports no one was hurt when the truck driver swerved to avoid another vehicle and hit a bridge in the median, ripping open the trailer, dumping the load and snarling traffic more than an hour. (AP)



CAN YOU SAY NO TO THIS FACE? A 3-month-old polar bear cub is introduced Friday to the $media\ during\ the\ "Our\ Bears\ Belong\ in\ Buffalo"\ fundraising\ campaign\ at\ the\ Buffalo\ Zoo\ in\ Buffalo,$ N.Y. The zoo is looking to build a new \$18 million polar bear exhibit, and about \$4 million is still needed.

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Brennan's Nominatio

On Tuesday, the
Senate Intelligence
Committee
is expected
to vote on the
nomination of chief
counterterrorism
adviser John Brennan
as CIA director.



Kenya Elections

In his first run for office, President Barack Obama's half brother, Malik Obama, is running for a governor's position in Siaya, Kenya, on Monday.

Champs in White House

The University of Alabama football team will be honored Wednesday at the White House by President Barack Obama for winning the 2012 BCS national championship.

Scientists: Baby With HIV Cured

Case offers promising clues in fight to thwart infections in children

Washington

A baby born with the AIDS virus appears to have been cured, scientists said Sunday, describing the case of a child from Mississippi who's now 2½ and has been off medication for about a year with no signs of infection.

There's no guarantee the child will remain healthy, although sophisticated testing uncovered just traces of the virus's genetic material still lingering. If so, it would mark only the world's second reported cure.

Specialists say Sunday's announcement, at a major AIDS meeting in Atlanta, offers promising clues for efforts to eliminate HIV infection in children, especially in AIDS-plagued African countries.

"You could call this about as close to a cure, if not a cure, that we've seen," said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health, who is familiar with the findings.

A doctor gave this baby faster and stronger treatment than is usual, starting a three-drug infusion within 30 hours of birth before tests confirmed

Meanwhile ...

That a baby born with the AIDS virus is now cured shows "there may be different cures for different populations of HIV-infected people," said Dr. Rowena Johnston of amFAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research. It also suggests that scientists should look back at other children who've been treated since shortly after birth, including some reports of possible cures in the late 1990s that were dismissed at the time, said Dr. Steven Deeks of the University of California, San Francisco, who also has seen the findings. (AP)

the infant was infected and not just at risk from a mother whose HIV wasn't diagnosed until she was in labor. That fast action apparently knocked out HIV in the baby's blood before it could form hideouts in the body.

"I just felt like this baby was at higher-than-normal risk and deserved our best shot," said Dr. Hannah Gay, a pediatric HIV specialist at the University of Mississippi.

Timothy Ray Brown is the only other person considered cured of the AIDS virus. He underwent a bone marrow transplant from one of the rare people who are naturally resistant to HIV. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

Commemorating Selma's Bloody Sunday



VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, center, leads a group including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, third from left, across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Sunday in Selma, Ala., to commemorate the 48th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when police officers beat marchers as they crossed the bridge to get from Selma to Montgomery.

Baby Born After Parents Die in Crash

New York

A pregnant young woman who was feeling ill was headed to the hospital with her husband early Sunday when the car they were riding in was hit, killing them both, but their baby boy was born prematurely and survived, authorities and a relative said.

The driver of a BMW slammed into the car carrying Nachman and Raizy Glauber, both 21, at an intersection in Brooklyn, said Isaac Abraham, a neighbor of Raizy Glauber's parents who lives two blocks from the scene of the crash.

Raizy Glauber was thrown from

the car and her body landed under a parked tractor-trailer, said witnesses who came to the scene after the crash. Nachman Glauber was pinned in the car, and emergency workers had to cut off the roof to get him out.

Both of the Glaubers were pronounced dead at hospitals, police said, and both died of blunt-force trauma, the medical examiner said.

Their infant son was in serious condition, said Abraham. The Glaubers' driver was in stable condition, police said. Both the driver of the BMW and a passenger fled and were being sought, police said.



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On Sunday, demolition workers tear down a Seffner, Fla., home where a sinkhole killed 37-year-old Jeff Bush last week.

Site of Sinkhole Razed

Day after rescuers end search for body, house is demolished

Seffner, Fla.

Crews on Sunday tore down more than half of the Tampa-area home perched over a huge sinkhole that killed a man three days ago, managing to save some keepsakes.

Jeremy Bush, 35, tried to save his brother, Jeff, when the earth opened up and swallowed him Thursday night. Jeremy Bush had to be pulled out of the still-shifting hole by a sheriff's deputy.

On Sunday morning, Bush and relatives prayed with a pastor as the home — where he lived with his girlfriend, Rachel Wicker; their daughter, Hannah, 2; and others — was demolished. The operator of | Leland Wicker — who owned the

Backstory

The search for Jeff Bush, 37, was called off Saturday. He was in his bedroom Thursday night in Seffner, Fla., when the ground opened and took him and everything else in his room. Five others in the house escaped unharmed. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the county medical examiner cannot declare Bush dead if his body is still missing, and under Florida law, Bush's family must petition a court to declare him deceased. The area around Seffner is known for sinkholes due to the geography of the terrain, but they are rarely deadly. (AP)

the heavy equipment worked gingerly, first taking off a front wall. Family belongings were scooped onto the lawn gently in hopes of salvaging parts of the family's history.

By Sunday afternoon — when demolition had stopped for the day and only a few walls of the home remained — a Bible, family photos, a jewelry box and a pink teddy bear were among the items saved.

Wanda Carter, the daughter of

home since the 1970s — said her mother and father had stored baptism certificates, cards and photos between the pages of that Bible.

"It means that God is still in control, and he knew we needed this for closure," she said, crying.

Hillsborough County administrator Mike Merrill said the remaining walls of the home would be knocked down Monday to allow officials and engineers to see the sinkhole in the open. TAMARA LUSH (AP)

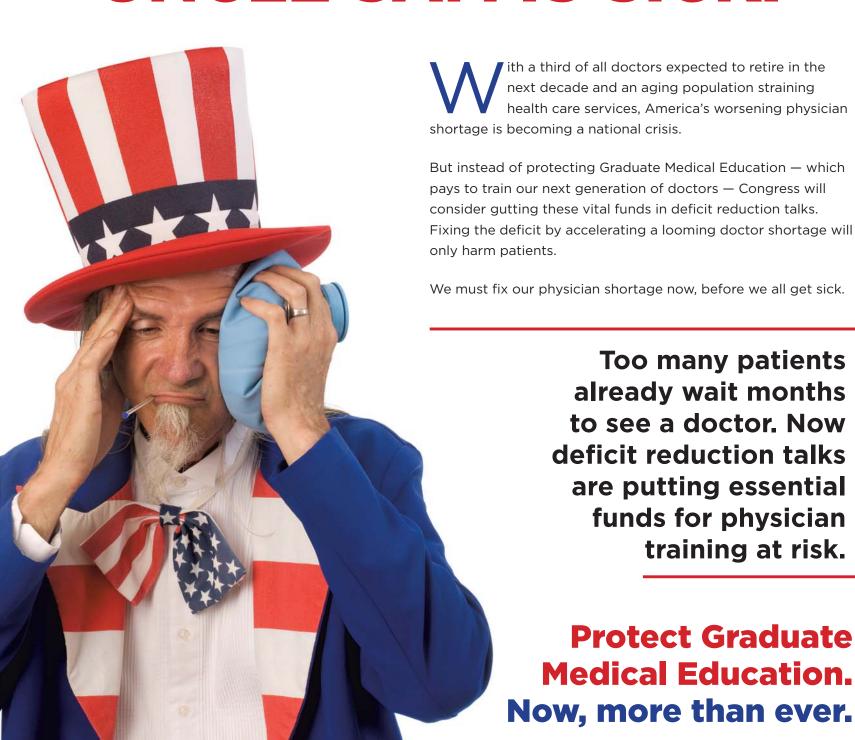
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"I lost my election because of my campaign, not because of what anyone else did."

- MITT ROMNEY, ON "FOX NEWS SUNDAY" SAYING HE DOESN'T BLAME NEW JERSEY GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE OR HURRICANE SANDY FOR HIS LOSS IN THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL RACE. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC INTERVIEW SINCE THE ELECTION, ROMNEY BLAMED HIS "47 PERCENT" COMMENTS AND FAILURE TO CONNECT WITH MINORITY VOTERS

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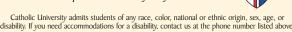
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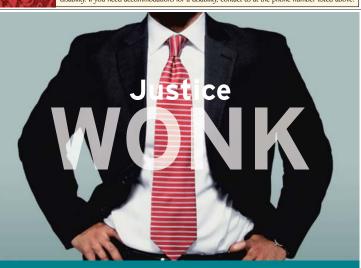
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JERUSALEM

Israeli PM Given 2 Weeks To Form New Coalition

Israeli President Shimon Peres on Saturday granted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu another two weeks to form a governing coalition, after Netanyahu failed to build a broad coalition including ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties. (AP)

2 PORT SAID, EGYPT

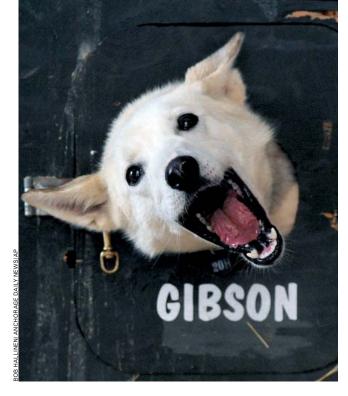
Protests Against Police Erupt Into Violence

Violent protests erupted in two Egyptian cities Saturday as activists accused police of using excessive force and running over protesters. Protesters in Mansoura and Port Said are calling for civil disobedience campaigns to bring down President Mohammed Morsi. (AP)

3 DAMASCUS, SYRIA

Iran, Syria Denounce U.S. Plan to Aid Opposition

Iran and Syria condemned a U.S. plan to assist rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad on Saturday and signaled the Syrian leader intends to stay in power at least until 2014 elections. The remarks came after a strategic victory for the regime as it regained control over villages along a key highway. (AP)



4 On Your Bark, Get Set ...

A four-legged team member hangs out of a truck on Saturday before the ceremonial start in Anchorage of Alaska's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. The storied 1,000-mile race, which features 66 teams, officially went under way Sunday in Willow, 50 miles to the north.



"I am not a dictator. ... If Mitch McConnell or John Boehner say, 'We need to go to catch a plane,' I can't have Secret Service block the doorway."

— **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA,** ON FRIDAY REJECTING THE IDEA OF USING SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TO KEEP LAWMAKERS FROM LEAVING UNTIL EVERYONE AGREED ON A BUDGET. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF A "JEDI MIND-MELD" WITH HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS.

6 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

NATO: 2 Afghan Boys Accidentally Killed

NATO forces accidentally killed two Afghan boys during an operation in southern Afghanistan, the U.S.-led coalition said Saturday. Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, apologized to the family and said the coalition takes full responsibility for the deaths. (AP)

7 JOHANNESBURG

8 Police Officers Charged In Dragging Death of Man

Eight South African police officers were charged with murder on Friday in the death of a taxi driver dragged by a police vehicle, a videotaped incident that became a symbol of police brutality in the country. Also Friday, friends and relatives of Mido Macia, 27, gathered to mourn the man who died Tuesday. (AP)

8 SAN FRANCISCO

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es that Samsung Electronics must pay Apple Inc. after a federal judge ruled that jurors miscalculated the \$1 billion in damages in a patentinfringement case. The judge also ordered a new trial. (AP)

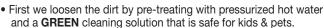
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World

In Brief

U.K.: Queen Hospitalized With Stomach Infection



Elizabeth II

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was hospitalized Sunday over an apparent stomach infection that has ailed her for days, palace officials said, a rare instance of ill health sidelining the

long-reigning monarch. It marked the first time in a decade that Elizabeth, 86, has been hospitalized. (AP)

MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA

Militant Attack Kills 20 **In Siege on Military Base**

Fighters linked to the radical Islamic terrorist network Boko Haram attacked a military base in Nigeria's north Sunday in an assault that left at least 20 people dead, as the network's leader denied any peace talks. The attack, coupled with the recent kidnappings of foreigners, renewed doubts about the ability of Nigeria's weak central government to stop the bloodshed. (AP)

BEIJING

Earthquake Injures 30 **In Southwest China**

A moderate earthquake struck southwest China on Sunday, causing hundreds of homes to collapse and injuring at least 30 people. The official Xinhua News Agency said the quake in Yunnan province damaged at least 2,500 houses and caused 700 others to collapse. (AP)

The number of advanced centrifuges, which are used to enrich uranium, that Iran has produced, according to the country's nuclear chief. The semiofficial Fars news agency on Sunday quoted Fereidoun Abbasi as saying that the old generation of centrifuges will be phased out soon. (AP)

World of Potential for New Pope

Cardinals prepare to pick a new leader from an open field

Vatican City

Faithful attending Sunday Mass on five continents for the first time since Pope Benedict XVI's retirement had different ideas about who should next lead the Roman Catholic Church, with people suggesting everything from a Latin American pope to one more like the conservative, Polish-born John Paul II. What most agreed on, however, was the church is in dire need of a comeback.

Clergy sex abuse scandals and

falling numbers of faithful have taken their toll on the church, and many parishioners said the next pope should be open about the problems rather than ignore them.

Worshippers in the developing world prayed for a pope from a poorer, non-European nation, while churchgoers in Europe said what was more important was picking a powerful figure who could stop the steep losses in Catholic numbers.

Some South African Catholics called for what they described as a more pragmatic approach to contraception, given the AIDS epidemic devastating Africa. They also suggested ending the celibacy requirement for priests.

Catholics likely will find out this

Meanwhile ...



Cardinal Keith O'Brien on Sunday acknowledged having engaged in unspecified sexual misbehavior, apolo-

gized for his actions and promised to stay out of the church's public life in a statement. O'Brien had been Britain's highest-ranking Catholic leader until he resigned last week from his position as archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, a departure prompted by a newspaper report about unnamed priests' allegations that he acted inappropriately toward them. (AP)

week whether such hopes become reality, as cardinals worldwide arrive in Rome for a conclave that could elect a new pontiff. Many expect the church to pick another European to replace the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who resigned on Thursday.

Yet not everyone was seeking

In Washington, a parishioner at St. Matthew's Cathedral said he sought a continuation of the conservative line of the last two popes.

"I'd like to see a very strong leader who would bring the church back to its traditionalist past and its best years, in a sense, picking up where Benedict left off," said John Gizzi. Bradley brooks (AP)

Pakistan Bombing Kills 37



A MAN GRIEVES AT A MORGUE Sunday in Karachi, Pakistan, after a car bomb exploded outside a mosque, killing at least 37 people and wounding 141 others in a neighborhood dominated by Shiite Muslims. No one has taken responsibility for the bombing, but Shiite Muslims have been increasingly targeted by Sunni militant groups in the city.

Kerry: Egypt Will Receive More U.S. Aid

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday rewarded Egypt for President Mohammed Morsi's pledges of political and economic reforms by releasing \$250 million in American aid to support the country's "future as a democracy."

An agreement would unlock more of the \$1 billion in U.S. aid promised by President Barack Obama last year, but Kerry also served notice that Washington will keep close watch on how Morsi, who came to power in June as Egypt's first freely elected president, honors his commitment.

"The path to that future has clearly been difficult and much work remains," Kerry said in a statement after two days of meetings in Egypt. (AP)



A Fairer Share? Swiss voters voiced their anger at perceived corporate greed Sunday by approving a plan to boost shareholders' say on executive pay. About 68 percent of voters backed the "Rip-Off Initiative," according to the official count broadcast by Swiss public television station SRF. Lawmakers will now draft a law giving shareholders the right to hold a binding vote on all compensation for company executives and directors. (AP)





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World

Hearsay

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Protests Rise Over Chavez's Health Crisis

Caracas. Venezuela

Hundreds of protesters took to the streets of Venezuela's capital on Sunday, demanding the government provide complete details about the health of ailing President Hugo Chavez.

Protesters waving Venezuelan flags chanted "Tell the truth!" as they marched through eastern Caracas. They accused government officials of keeping from the public a full account of Chavez's condition.

"They don't tell us the truth," said Mildred Moreau, 64. "We feel that they are trying to trick us."

The protest was staged a day after Vice President Nicolas Maduro said Chavez has been receiving chemotherapy while recovering from a severe respiratory infection.

Sunday's marchers joined university students who have chained themselves together near a Supreme Court office while demanding a full account of Chavez's health and urging justices

Backstory



Hugo Chavez underwent cancer surgery in Cuba on Dec. 11 and has not been seen or heard from since, except

for "proof of life" photos on Feb. 15. Officials have been vague about the Venezuelan leader, at times saying he's recovering and at other times saying he's battling for his life. (AP)

remain in office.

On the other side of the city, government supporters gathered in front of a stage to listen to pro-Chavez musicians and demonstrate their support for the socialist leader.

"Here is the youth that represents the future of the fatherland," said pro-Chavez governor Tareck El Aissami.

Referring to opposition-sided students, El Aissami said: "They represent the past." (AP)

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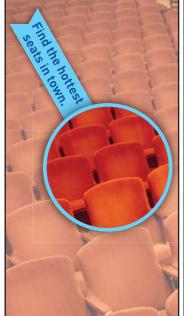
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Washington

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The winners of the contract include Veolia Transportation for \$36.46 million, First Transit for \$22.07 million, Diamond Transportation for \$9.79 million, MV Transportation for \$14.61 million and MTM for \$2.55 million.

Veolia, First Transit and Diamond will be responsible for providing the drivers and maintaining the vehicles. MV Transportation will manage the MetroAccess call center and MTM will be in charge

of quality assurance of the other four vendors.

The contracts are for five years and have an additional five-year renewal option.

In a press release, Metro general manager Richard Sarles promised better service for customers because the companies are "being held to even stricter performance standards for reliability."

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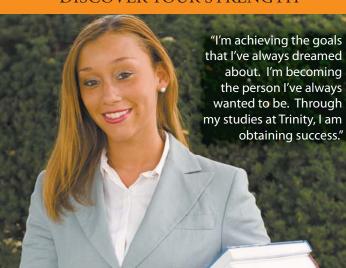
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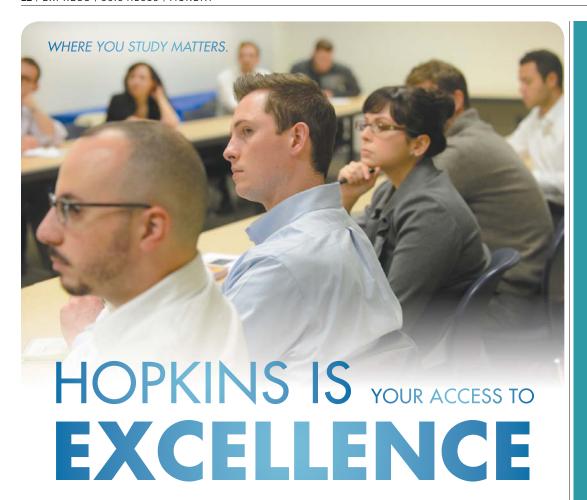


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In Brief



A poll puts Maryland Gov. Martin O' Malley's approval rating at 49 percent.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Poll: O'Malley's Approval **Rating Down Since 2010**

Only 49 percent of Marylanders approve of the job Martin O'Malley is doing as governor, a new Washington Post poll has found. That's little changed from the fall but down from his high of 57 percent in September 2010, shortly before his re-election to a second term. It is also lower than what O'Malley's Republican predecessor, Robert Ehrlich Jr., got the summer before he was voted out of office in 2006 (56 percent). (TWP)

WALDORF, MD.

Police: Man Accidentally Killed at Shooting Range

Authorities in Maryland say a man is dead after his gun apparently accidentally discharged at a shooting range, killing him. Charles County officers were called Saturday at 9:23 a.m. to the St. Charles Sportsman's Club in Waldorf for the report of a shooting. Officers found Patrick Allen Richards, 61, suffering from a gunshot wound, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Wife Charged in Pastor's Death

Neighbors shocked by domestic case in **Loudoun County**

Leesburg, Va.

In the Leesburg neighborhood of Edwards Landing, Kyung and Dae Hwang struck everyone as a couple full of love and generosity.

Kyung, 63, a pastor and a hardware store employee, enjoyed cleaning out neighbors' driveways with his snowblower. Dae, 57, roamed house-to-house, dropping off plates of her homemade tempura, sushi and noodles.

Saturday morning, neighbors

along Chickasaw Place saw a much different sight: Law enforcement authorities leading Dae outside of her home and into the backseat of a police cruiser. Later that day, the Leesburg Police Department charged Dae with firstdegree murder in the slaying of her husband. She is being held without bond.

The homicide in the well-kept neighborhood has startled neighbors who cannot fathom how or why Dae could have allegedly killed her husband. Kyung's death was the first of the year for Leesburg.

Capt. Clagett Moxley of the Leesburg Police Department

"When they entertained on the back deck with friends over, they always seemed so poised."

- DOUGLAS VAN NORDEN, WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR TO THE HWANGS IN LEESBURG VA. DAE HWANG IS ACCUSED IN THE STAB-BING DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, KYUNG.

said Kyung suffered "several stab wounds all over the body."

Saturday morning, just past 6 a.m., it was Dae who called 911 to report her husband's death. Moxley said police believe the husband was dead before the call was made.

"We are still trying to determine what caused this to occur," Moxley said Sunday.

So are the neighbors.

Cheri Shields, 49, who lives across the street from the Hwangs, said she will most remember Kyung for visiting her home in August and praying over her mother, who had been staying with her as she succumbed to cancer.

"Kyung and Dae would come over regularly," Shields recalled. "He'd speak Korean and hold my mother's hand. They were sweet, loving people." DANA HEDGPETH AND IAN SHAPIRA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Following in Their Footsteps



MEMBERS OF THE SIGMA CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC. at Clark Atlanta University join their sorority sisters Sunday in stepping to music at the Washington Monument. Thousands of

the sorority's members marched in D.C. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the role the 22 founders played in the 1913 Women's Suffrage March. The sorority was founded in 1913 by women at Howard University.

2 Metro Train **Operators Stop Suicidal Riders**

Washington

Two Metro train operators - in separate incidents - managed to stop their trains without hitting two people who tried to commit suicide on the rail tracks this weekend.

During the Friday evening rush hour, a woman placed herself on the tracks at Bethesda and refused to move after the train stopped in front of her.

On Saturday night, a man intentionally put himself on the tracks at Judiciary Square, but the operator was able to stop the train before severely hurting him.

Metro has said it would try to stop suicides after a spike in them a few years ago. The transit agency is working to train employees on how to help prevent suicides, and it has a hotline number for those in need of help. Dana Hedgreth (THE WASHINGTON POST)



The price of a regular gallon of gas in the Washington area last week, compared with \$3.84 the week before, AAA Mid-Atlantic said Sunday. At this time last year, drivers were paying \$3.75 per gallon. The price of gas in the region is 6 cents more than the national average. (AP)

Money

Before You House-Hunt, Get Finances in Order

Personal Finance

After years in the doldrums, the housing market appears back on track. Home sales and prices are up, and mortgage rates remain near historic lows, reinvigorating the appeal of homeownership.

Here are five tips to get financially prepared to purchase a home:

Assess Your Funds

Before you get too involved in looking at listings, evaluate your finances thoroughly. Stew Larsen, head of Bank of the West's mortgage

banking division, suggests adding up the monthly house payment — principal, interest, taxes and insurance — and subtract it from your gross monthly income. The house payment shouldn't be more than 28 percent to 30 percent of that.

Budget Like You Own

You've figured out roughly how much money you should devote to housing. But also consider repairs, utilities – which often run higher than in apartments – and, if you live in a condominium, association fees.

Erin Baehr, a certified financial

planner in Stroudsburg, Penn., recommends that renters calculate the extra monthly costs and start setting aside that amount.

Get Preapproved

Ask a lender to assess how much you can borrow. Your preapproval letter is a solid indication of what you can spend. But understand the difference between a preapproval letter and being prequalified for a loan.

Being prequalified is basically an opinion drawn from a cursory assessment of your financial profile.



Know Your Credit Score

Buyers seeking a shot at the most favorable interest rate on a home loan must generally have a FICO score of at least 720 out of 850. Loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration require a FICO score of at least 580, but you'll pay a higher interest rate. Consumers are entitled to a free credit report

once a year from each of the credit bureaus: Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. You can get copies at Annualcreditreport.com. (AP)

A preapproval letter is preceded by a thorough credit and income review, though the loan won't go through until all of the borrower's financial information is verified.

The Down Payment

While some loan programs allow homebuyers to make a down payment of as little as 3.5 percent of

the purchase price, experts say you'll need to save enough for at least a 20 percent down payment in order to get the lowest interest rate and avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance.

In addition, you'll also have to set money aside for closing costs, which can run into the thousands of dollars. ALEX VEIGA (AP)

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Cover Story

The Uncertainty Effect

Companies and contractors see business grind to a halt when

Washington won't agree

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Three budget crises ago, in early 2011, Republicans and President Barack Obama faced off over raising the debt ceiling — and Alison Brown saw the writing on the wall.

Washington had entered the cycle of partisan brinksmanship over the budget that has sown confusion among federal agencies and delayed contracts to such small companies as Brown's Navsys Corp., which designs satellite navigation systems. So Brown slashed her 40-strong workforce in half. And, as she feared, her revenues have since plunged by half.

The latest crisis hit Friday with across-the-board automatic spending cuts. They total about \$85 billion, but the economic damage created by two years of showdowns is far greater. And there's no end in sight: Temporary resolutions funding the government expire on March 27. May brings another debt ceiling standoff.

"We're planning for the worst," Brown said. "We're not going to be taking risks and making investments, and that's bad for the country as a whole."

Thousands of businesses are in similar straits, from defense contractors like Navsys to wheat farmers. It is one reason the U.S. economic recovery has been so persistently anemic. But it is happening quietly, drowned out by dueling press conferences inside the Beltway and general disgust at the perpetual drama over federal spending.

With deficits setting records in recent years, Obama insists on a mix of tax increases and spending cuts. Republicans insist on cuts only. Voters ensured two more years of uncertainty by re-electing Obama



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The number of privatesector jobs lost since 2008

because of uncertainty over government policy, three economists estimated in a paper this year. That uncertainty has spiked dramatically since the start of the budget showdowns in 2011. (AP)

and a Republican-controlled House in November.

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The impact is felt in Colorado, an economic microcosm for the country with 7.6 percent unemployment, only 0.2 percent below the nation-

al average. Its economy includes a robust aerospace industry and several military bases, and it contributes more in federal taxes than it takes in.

On the eastern plains, Colorado farmers should be enjoying skyrocketing prices for wheat, soybeans and other staples. Instead, they're fretting over the fate of the farm bill that has been held up in the budget debates. Farmers don't know if they'll still be protected from crop failures or other natural disasters. A last-minute, temporary extension Congress issued in January is little comfort to

Case Study: An Ill Wind

Denver's suburbs were partly insulated from the economic downturn by a strong renewable energy industry, though wind energy has tapered off since a federal tax credit was extended in January, days after it expired. But that was too late for Vestas, a wind turbine manufacturer that employed 1,700 people in Colorado at the start of 2012. On Feb. 21, it said it was cutting 10 percent of its remaining 1,100 workers due to the late extension. "It does take a while to get the industry restarted," said Peter Kelley of the American Wind Energy Alliance. The industry fears more turmoil because the new credit expires in December, he said. (AP)

Budget Battle Updates

The sequester's spending cuts are here to stay, if you believe the public posturing Sunday.

Not So Bad?

The White House's top economic adviser, Gene Sperling, said that the sequester pain isn't that bad right now. Sperling, making the rounds on the Sunday news shows, added: "On day one, it will not be as harmful as it will be over time."

Next Showdown?

House Speaker John Boehner said he isn't sure the cuts will hurt the economy. He also said the House would move this week to pass a measure to keep government open through Sept. 30, ahead of a new, March 27 deadline that may mean a May shutdown. (AP) those who must decide what to plant based on the seasons, not the congressional calendar.

"You can tell that people are keeping their money close to them, waiting for resolution," said Kent Peppler, a grain farmer in the town of Mead who has put off buying machinery.

In 2011, Obama and Republicans could not agree on cutting the deficit enough to convince the House to raise the debt limit. They did agree to \$1 trillion in cuts over 10 years that ultimately kicked in March 1 if they couldn't find other savings and revenues. Half those cuts affect the military. The combined pall of looming cuts and month-to-month budgeting has frozen the civilian defense industry.

Navsys has won competitive bids, Brown says, but the money won't come because the budget limbo has delayed payments. Brown is focusing more on commercial contracts.

"I'm not holding my breath that this problem is going to get fixed," she said. NICHOLAS RICCARDI (AP)



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Sports



Joe Flacco's impeccable timing earned him the richest contract for a quarterback in NFL history.

Flacco agreed to a six-year, \$120.6 million deal Friday after leading the Ravens to the Super Bowl title. Though he has surpassed the future earnings of every current NFL quarterback, does Flacco measure up as a player? Here's a look at the résumés of 10 of the highest-paid QBs, in order of how much they will make in base salary for 2013. BARRY WILNER (AP)

Joe Flacco, Ravens

Flacco, above, has set records for road playoff wins (six) and is the only QB to win postseason games in each of his first five seasons. But this was the first time he could get the Ravens to the Super Bowl in five tries. Of course, they won, and he was superb in January and February.

P. Manning, Broncos

Peyton Manning's \$20 million base is befitting the NFL's only four-time MVP, all with Indianapolis. After missing 2011 because of neck operations, he moved to Denver and nearly won the award again. No one with the Broncos is complaining about Manning's salary.

Eli Manning, Giants

Peyton's younger brother has one more Super Bowl championship to his credit, and his postseason work in the 2007 and 2011 seasons more than offset some inconsistent regular-season performances. He will make \$13 million in base salary.

P. Rivers, Chargers

There are no Super Bowls to go with the \$12 million the Chargers owe him in salary this year. Then again, Philip Rivers has seen the talent base around him diminished by trades, free agency, injuries and bad management decisions, even as he entered the prime of his career.

Tony Romo, Cowboys Some would say

Romo's inability to produce in big games — regular season or playoffs — makes his \$11.5 million payday ludicrous. Others would argue the Cowboys never would contend without him. Regardless, he is making more this year than four Super Bowl winners.

In Brief



Patrick Kane scored the only shootout goal in the Blackhawks' win Sunday.

NHL

Blackhawks Earn Point In 22nd Straight Game

The Chicago Blackhawks have extended their NHL-record, season-opening points streak to 22 games. Patrick Kane scored the tying goal on a power play with 2:02 left in regulation and had the only goal in a shootout, lifting Chicago to a 2-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday. Corey Crawford was perfect in the shootout and finished with 32 saves. (AP)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Maryland Bounces Back By Beating Wake Forest

Tianna Hawkins scored 18 points, Alyssa Thomas added 16, and No. 9 Maryland defeated Wake Forest 88-61 on Sunday to snap its first losing streak of the season. Coming off losses to top 25 foes Duke and Florida State, the Terrapins (23-6, 14-4 ACC) led 38-22 at halftime and coasted to their 14th-straight victory over the Demon Deacons (12-18, 5-13). (AP)

Matt Ryan, Falcons

After finally winning a playoff game following three losses, maybe Ryan won't be heavily criticized for how much he makes (\$10 million). His improvement has been steady, and some rate him as more efficient than Flacco.

Drew Brees, Saints

Brees had the biggest QB contract — \$100 million over five years — before Flacco one-upped him. The unquestionable leader of the Saints and a record-setting passer, Brees is in the perfect place. At a \$9.75 million salary in 2013, he's a Big Easy bargain.

A. Rodgers, Packers

Probably the next quarterback to get a huge new deal, Aaron Rodgers has been so good the past three years, including one NFL title, that the folks in Titletown no longer miss Brett Favre. So his \$9.25 million salary looks cheap.

Big Ben, Steelers

Ben Roethlisberger
— a two-time Super Bowl
winner — is scheduled to
make \$2.6 million in salary,
but the total compensation is
wrapped up in bonuses — just
under \$11 million. Roethlisberger has three Super Bowl
trips in nine pro seasons.

T. Brady, Patriots

How in the world did Tom Brady land this low? The three-time Super Bowl champ renegotiated last week and upped his guaranteed money to \$33 million over the next five years, but gets only \$1 million in salary in 2013.

TV Lineup

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN)

No. 10 Louisville is one game back of the Hoyas for the Big East lead and will host Cincinnati.

NBA (8 P.M., NBATV) The Heat are riding a 14-game winning streak after beating the Knicks on Sunday and hit the road to face Minnesota.

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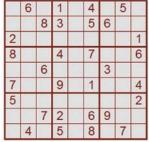


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Sports



Lauren Silberman competes at an NFL regional scouting combine on Sunday.

Female Kicker's Tryout For NFL Lasts 2 Kicks

Football

Lauren Silberman's NFL tryout lasted all of two kicks, neither of which traveled 20 yards.

Silberman became the first woman to compete at an NFL regional scouting combine on Sunday, but left the New York Jets' practice field after reinjuring her quadriceps. She tried two kickoffs, the first going 19 yards and the second about 13 yards, and then asked to see a trainer.

As more than two dozen media members watched her every move, the 28-year-old Silberman was examined off to the side of the practice field. About 30 minutes later, while 36 other kickers continued their workouts, she called the scene "surreal" and thanked the NFL for "this tremendous opportunity."

A former club soccer player

at Wisconsin, Silberman took no warmup kicks until she attempted her first kickoff and even appeared to have trouble keeping the football on the kicking tee.

"I've always been an athlete, and I've always been a gamer," she said while fighting back tears. "When I had the opportunity to be in the NFL, one of the world's most competitive leagues, I absolutely had to take the chance."

Silberman said she suffered a quadriceps injury while preparing for the tryout earlier in the week, and attributed her struggles to that.

"I tried staying off it and waited for today," she said. "I didn't even take kicks in warmups, and it's pretty hard to know that you'll be in pain and I wanted to work through it and I certainly tried to, but I just couldn't do it today." DENNIS WASZAK JR. (AP)

Weekend Rewind



- No. 3 Duke avenged a 27-point loss to No. 5 Miami with a 79-76 win at Cameron.
- Otto Porter Jr. scored 28 points in the Hoyas' 64-51 win over Rutgers.
- Capitals goalie Braden Holtby earned his third shutout in a 3-0 win over the Jets.
- Roger Bernadina drove in two runs in the Netherlands' WBC win over South Korea.
- Maryland won its 20th game of the year with a 67-57 victory at Wake Forest.
- No. 2 Gonzaga beat Portland 81-52 to stake a claim to its first No. 1 ranking.

Sports

Angels' Trout Takes the High Road on Salary, Position

Baseball

Los Angeles Angels slugger Mike Trout figures if he keeps producing like he did during his historic rookie season, he'll be in line for a handsome raise soon enough.

The Angels renewed the contract of the AL Rookie of the Year for \$510,000 on Saturday, just \$20,000 above the major league minimum, prompting an angry response from Trout's agent.

While Craig Landis said the renewal "falls well short of a 'fair' contract," Trout took the high road before a morning workout at the Angels' spring training complex on Sunday, repeatedly insisting that "I'm just happy to be in the lineup."

"I mean, my time will come," Trout said before a team meeting. "I just have to keep putting out numbers and concentrating on one thing, and that's getting to the postseason."

Trout had a base salary of



Mike Trout's contract was renewed for \$510,000, \$20,000 above the MLB minimum.

\$482,500 last year, when he hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and led the majors with 129 runs and 49 steals. Trout was the runaway choice as the AL's top rookie, earning a \$10,000 bonus, and finished second to Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in MVP voting.

Trout has one year, 70 days of major league service, which the

Angels historically have placed more weight upon than performance in renewing contracts. Teams are allowed to renew the contracts of unsigned players on their 40-man rosters from March 2 to 11.

There were 22 players whose contracts were finalized by the Angels on Saturday. The highest salary of those players went to

Deserving of a Raise

Angels outfielder Mike Trout, who will make \$510,000 this year, had one of the best rookie seasons in baseball history. Here were his stats and where he ranked among American League leaders in 2012:

Runs: 129 (1st) Hits: 182 (T-9th)
3B: 8 (T-3rd) HRs: 30 (T-13th)
RBIs: 83 (T-23rd) SBs: 49 (1st)
AVG: .326 (2nd) OBP: .399 (3rd)
SLG: .564 (3rd) WAR: 10.7 (1st)

first baseman and outfielder Mark Trumbo, who will make \$540,000.

Trout likely will be eligible for arbitration after the 2014 season.

"During the process, on behalf of Mike, I asked only that the Angels compensate Mike fairly for his historic 2012 season, given his service time," Landis said in a statement. "This contract falls well short of a 'fair' contract, and I have voiced this to the Angels throughout the process. Nonetheless, the renewal of Mike's contract will put an end [to] this discussion."

Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper, the reigning NL Rookie of the Year, will make \$750,000 this season under terms of the fiveyear deal he signed through 2015. Harper hit .270 with 22 homers and 59 RBIs in 139 games last season.

Landis also made it seem that Trout was unhappy with a move to left field this season, which was designed to allow speedy Peter Bourjos to become the Angels' primary center fielder.

"As when he learned he would not be the team's primary center fielder for the upcoming season," Landis' statement said, "Mike will put the disappointment [of his salary] behind him and focus on helping the Angels reach their goal of winning the 2013 World Series." DAVE SKRETTA (AP)

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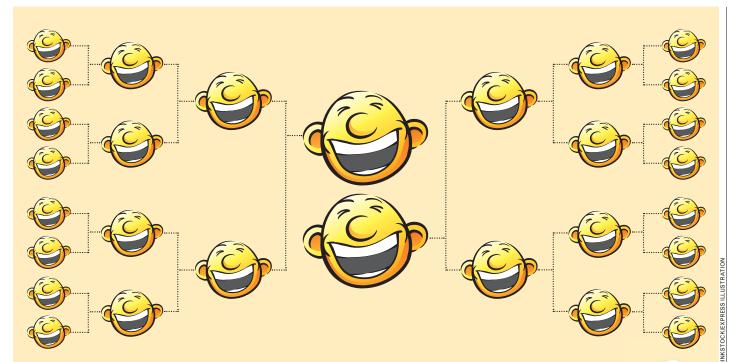
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C'mon, Get HappyNewly 19, Justin Bieber complains about his 'worst birthday' ever **33**



Laugh Faceoff

D.C.'s March Madness of Comedy looks to unify and spotlight the city's growing funny business

Stage

Christian Hunt grew up in Glover Park, across the street from Fugazi founder Ian MacKaye. In 2010, Hunt had the idea to start a variety show that would showcase D.C.'s best comedians and musicians, so he emailed MacKaye for advice.

Hunt's first thought was to put a pitch together and raise some money, but MacKaye stopped him short: "He says, 'Look, if you want to pitch something, move to New York or Los Angeles. In D.C., we do things," Hunt recalls.

Three months later, the Capital City Showcase was born. The live variety show, which Hunt hosts, is now a monthly event at the District of Columbia Arts Center in Adams Morgan. The Showcase is Hunt's way of embodying MacKaye's do-it-yourself ethos.

This month, Hunt, 30, is teaming up with Bethesda-based District Comedy to launch the biggest Showcase-sponsored event yet: D.C.'s first March Madness of Comedy. The 36-comedian tournament begins tonight at Silver Spring's Fire Station 1 and culminates on March 23 at DCAC.

Brad Ryan, 28, who co-founded District Comedy in 2010 with comedian Ralph Cooper, sees the event as a logical step toward making D.C. a well-

respected comedy town.

The problem, Ryan says, is that whenever D.C. comics get good, they leave for other cities. Take Seaton Smith, for example, who decamped to New York a few years ago. "I wish someone like Seaton could stay in D.C.," Ryan says, getting to the core of District Comedy's mission — to make it easier for comedians to maintain a career here.

"All the [comedy] promoters in the area, they all have the same thing in mind," Ryan says. "They want people to be able to walk into a comedy show anywhere in the city and see people they recognize."



"It's not about who's the best. ... It's about getting a lot of eyes on the D.C. comedy scene."

— **CHRISTIAN HUNT,**HOST OF THE CAPITAL
CITY SHOWCASE.

Improv Madness

Why should D.C.'s stand-ups get to have all the March Madness fun? The Washington Improv Theater's FIST - Fighting Improv Smackdown Tournament — begins March 14, with 67 three-person improv teams battling it out in a bracket-style contest. Over four weeks, teams will face off, with audience votes determining who advances. The winners get bragging rights and the satisfaction of knowing they are better at making stuff up than anyone else in D.C. (outside of Capitol Hill). Source, 1835 14th St. NW, March 14-April 13, Thu.-Sat., \$10-\$20, see Washingtonimprovtheater.com for details. (U Street)

Though the event takes its name from the NCAA basketball tournament, it isn't a bracket-style competition. For the next three weeks, the tourney will take over District Comedy's free weekly stand-up shows at Fire Station 1 on Mondays, Petworth's Blue Banana on Tuesdays and Chinatown's RFD on Thursdays (with the exception of round 2; see below for details).

The first round will feature 12 D.C.-area comics at each venue; two more rounds follow and then, on March 23, six comedians will battle for the crown and a modest cash prize at DCAC. The audience will vote (determining who advances), though a panel of judges will ultimately name the victor. While the judges deliberate, comedian Tommy Sinbazo will perform a headlining set.

Ryan and Hunt stress that the tournament isn't about crowning D.C.'s best comedian. It's about having fun and promoting the area as a hub for comedy.

"Fun really is the underlying word," Hunt says. "It's not about who's the best. It's about getting a lot of eyes on the D.C. comedy scene." RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

The Details: D.C.'s March Madness of Comedy starts tonight and runs for three weeks. All shows, except the final round, are free. The first round features 12 comics at each venue; the second round has eight each; there are four each in the third; and then, finally, six comedians battle at the championship.

Mondays: Fire Station 1, 8131 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; March 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 p.m., free; 301-585-1370, Firestation-1.com. (Silver Spring)

Tuesdays: Blue Banana, 3632 Georgia Ave. NW; March 5, 12 and 19, 8:30 p.m., free; 202-713-5011, Bluebananadc.com. (Georgia Ave)

Thursdays: RFD, 810 7th St. NW; March 7 and 21; 8:30 p.m., free; 202-289-2030, Lovethebeer.com. (Gallery Place) (Note: round 2, March 14, will be at a venue TBA.)

Championship Round: District of Columbia Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; March 23, 10 p.m., \$15; 202-462-7833, Dcartscenter.org. (Woodley Park)

entertainment lookout



British indie-rock troupe Alt-J often gets compared to fellow Brits Radiohead, which is not bad company to be in. The band's soaring, electronic-tinged rock was certainly influenced by Radiohead, and Alt-J singer Joe Newman, left, shares a vocal range with Thom Yorke. Just don't get upset when the band ignores your request for a "Karma Police" encore. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)

Quite Literally Guns and Roses
David Amoroso's "Delicate/
Violent" juxtaposes the improbable: flowers and rappers in violent poses.
Amoroso's portraits of local musicians (mostly rap and reggaeton) are inscribed on lovely (if incongruous) floral backgrounds meant to highlight the extreme attitudes expected from our street-style and musical heroes. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd.,
Arlington; through March 16, free; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com. (Rosslyn)

Wolfgang, Boy Genius

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lookout entertainment



Clive Davis' new book includes revealing insights into his career as a music mogul.

The Music Man **Reflects on Life**

In a memoir, hitmaker Clive Davis recounts his career's high notes

Books

When Clive Davis announced his latest project — a Broadway revival of "My Fair Lady" next year — it seemed to mark a step away from the music mogul's laserlike focus on making hits - and hitmakers.

But Davis, 80, still has his eyes on the charts. With "My Fair Lady," his goal is to bring Broadway back to the days when its songs topped the charts, something that hasn't been the case for the Great White Way in some time.

"Even 'Book of Mormon' does not have memorable songs, classic songs that the era of the '20s, '30s produced," Davis says. "So I looked into the rights of 'My Fair Lady.' I really want to make an event of it."

It's a lofty goal — but it's one that wouldn't surprise many. Davis' iconic career has included making superstars of acts as varied as Whitney Houston, Barry Manilow and Alicia Keys, creating second acts for legends like Aretha Franklin and Santana, and playing an inte-

gral role in the careers of many others.

Davis discusses some of these achievements in his new autobiography, "The Soundtrack of My

Life" (\$30, Simon & Schuster). Written with music journalist Anthonv DeCurtis, it includes behindthe-scenes details and revelations that provide new insight into a life well-documented. While his disclosure that he's bisexual has generated the most headlines, the book also shows why Davis holds a rarefied status in the music world an executive almost as famous as his performers.

Patti Smith says what makes him special is his dedication to true art.

"He had room in his stable for a dark horse," says Smith, whom Davis signed in 1975. "He has a weakness for the unique performer."

MESFIN FEKADU (AP)

TV tonight lookout

Overanalyze This

'LA Shrinks' follows attractive therapists who see psychiatrists for their own issues

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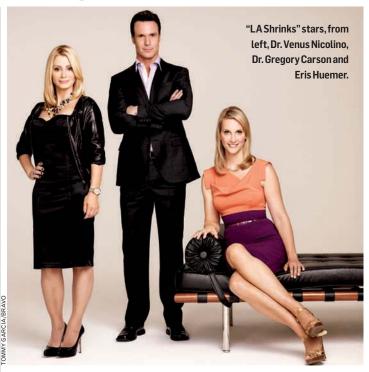
The doctors' creed, "first, do no harm," should apply to their reputations as

well. The new Bravo series "LA Shrinks" puts three glossy, photogenic therapists on the couch as they discuss their career and relationship woes with their own analysts.

Don't go looking for the measured approach of Dr. Melfi on "The Sopranos." These "healers" appear to have gone to medical school by way of the "Real Housewives" franchise.

Look for a lot of screaming, spilled chardonnay and a Niagara of bleeped-out obscenities.

"Shrinks" proves that, on Bravo, it doesn't matter how



many advanced degrees you have earned. Once the cameras start rolling, everybody involved has the maturity of a toddler

and the vocabulary of an emotionally disturbed hairdresser. Don't say we didn't warn you. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

BEST BETS





The Biggest Loser The makeover episode features fashion guru Tim Gunn, right, helping the contestants (like Dannielle "Danni" Allen, left) choose new outfits for their new physiques, while celebrity hairstylist Ken Paves gives everyone a new do.



90210 It's the beginning of the end. Last week, the CW announced that after five seasons, '90210' would air its series finale on May 13. Tonight, Liam gets romantically involved with the first person to invest in his new business: a custom surfboard shop for women.





Monday Mornings When an older doctor (guest star Hal Holbrook, left) wanders into the wrong place at the wrong time, the surgeons wonder if his mind is going. Villanueva trusts his gut, with surprising results, in diagnosing a patient. Ty and Michelle help Tina with a risky procedure.



Love It or List It, Too This new spin-off follows real estate agent Todd Talbot and designer Jillian Harris as they help homeowners decide whether to renovate their houses or sell them. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



The Right Signs

Tonight, "Switched at Birth" (8 p.m., ABC Family) becomes the first TV drama in history with an episode enacted almost entirely in American Sign Language. Daphne (Katie Leclerc, above) leads a student demonstration to protest the planned closing of the Carlton School for the Deaf. The story is loosely based on protests at Gallaudet University in 1988, a milestone in the history of the deaf community. (UU)

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lookout unions

Megan Ibbotson, Phil Neforos

Megan, 29, is a school counselor for Fairfax County. Phil, 28, works for the Dept. of Juvenile Services in Maryland. They live in Waldorf, Md.

THE MAIN EVENT: They're tying the knot April 14 in Elkridge, Md.
HOW THEY MET: At FedExField during a Redskins game, after being randomly introduced by his twin brother. "I snuck down to the row above him after halftime and the security guards warned me I could get kicked out. I don't think they were amused when I replied, 'Isn't he worth it?'"



FIRST DATE: They consider the game their first date, since by the third quarter, they'd kissed.

HOW HE PROPOSED: On Christmas Eve, at Carmello's in Manassas, Va. "It was perfect," says Megan, "and I'll never forget that night ... or the sounds of the waiter, screaming 'We have a proposal here!'"

WHEN HE KNEW: "I had a bad infection and was in the hospital for five days. Megan was with me day and night."

MAKING IT UNIQUE: "In addition to the best man," says Phil, "we will have a best dog and dog of honor." When they are announced as husband and wife at the end of the ceremony, guests will hear "Hail to the Redskins."



Moises Cartagena, Jovanna McLean

Moises, 29, is a customer service coordinator. Jovanna, 28, is a security supervisor. They live in Silver Spring.

THE MAIN EVENT: They're getting married June 8 in D.C.

HOW THEY MET: Through work.
FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "I thought she
was really pretty and had a beautiful smile." "He was standoffish, and
it took a week for him to accept my
Facebook friend request."

FIRST DATE: Ruby Tuesday and "The Expendables."

HOW HE PROPOSED: While on a minigetaway at a hotel in Crystal City, Va., four days before their one-year anniversary. "I proposed 10 minutes after checking into our room," says Moises. "I was so excited I gave him my right hand," says Jovanna.

STUPIDEST FIGHT: "When he drunkenly wouldn't help me put away some leftover spaghetti."

PET NAMES: She is "Love Bug" and "Vonnie Pooh"; he is "Panda Bear."

Bonnie Velazco, Eaton Criado

Bonnie, 37, is an administrator at a high school. Eaton, 34, is a Montgomery County firefighter. They will live in Fairfax after they are married.

THE MAIN EVENT: They will say their "I do's" May 3 in San Ramon, Calif., near Eaton's hometown.

HOW THEY MET: Through Plenty

of Fish (Pof.com). They exchanged texts for two weeks but never met. "Then in May, I got another text from him. After that we were glued to the phone for the next week."

FIRST DATE: O'Connell's, in Old Town Alexandria.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Eaton: "'Wow!'
I was speechless till after a few
drinks."

FIRST KISS: In front of the fountain in the middle of Old Town, after the bar closed. It was about 2 a.m. and the



moon was out, Eaton says.

HOW HE PROPOSED: On New
Years' Eve in San Francisco.

WHEN SHE KNEW: "When he would
drive over an hour each way to
see me a few nights a week. Even
after being in traffic after a couple
hours, he would walk through the
door so happy to see me."

MAKING IT UNIQUE: Eaton's mom
is from Hawaii, so the couple will
exchange leis during the ceremony.

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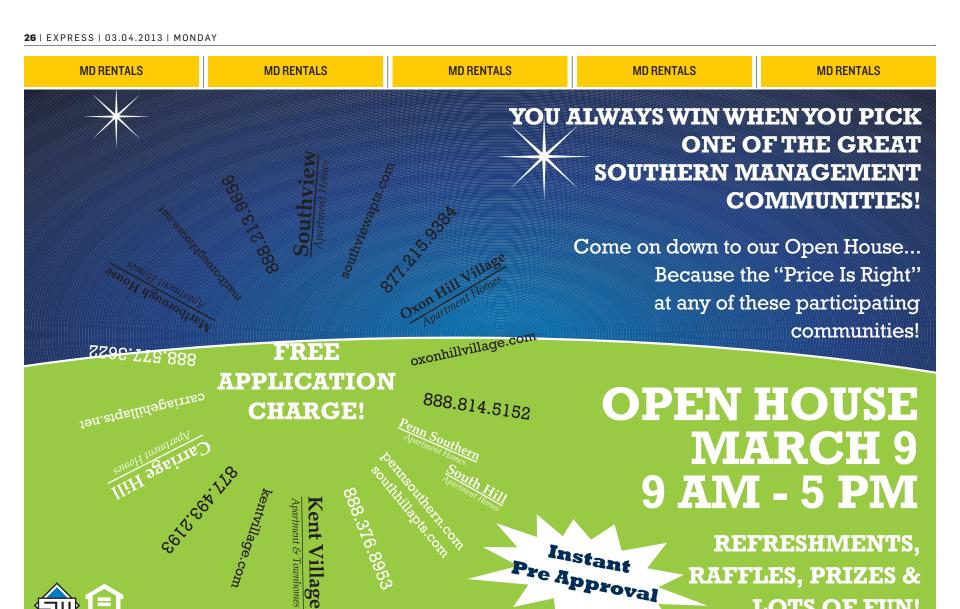
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— ATLIMBO AT THELUCKIEST.NET has spent the past few days watching reruns of the old '90s MTV cartoon, mainly to reminisce on the music featured in the show. "It featured a glittery Daft Punk logo, followed by the image pictured above, used in the announcement of their alliance with Columbia Records. It played a tiny snippet of what appears to be new music. That's all. Daft Punk: masters of keeping us guessing."

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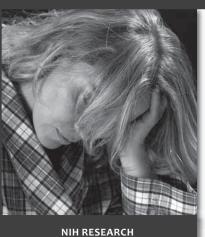
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) The promise of something fun and lively has you changing plans and heading in a direction that is unusual for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You and a partner may agree to disagree, though you are both after the same things. The difference lies in method, not motive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What goes on around you today can serve as inspiration or distraction, depending upon how you look at it—and which you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll receive news that may have you rethinking a current plan. In the end you'll have good reason to stay on course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will want to be sure that the information you receive is recent and accurate before you act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

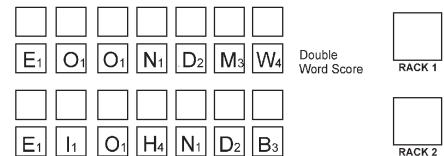
Someone is likely to come to you with a far-fetched idea, but it will inspire you to lend your support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't likely have time to sugarcoat your reactions to another's work. Make sure you say only what you mean.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have more than one question about another's behavior, but now may not be the time. You'll have the opportunity at a later date.



Scrabble Grams PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 221









RACK 2 = 10

RACK 3 = 64

RACK 4 =

TOTAL

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

3rd Letter

RACK 3

RACK 4

Triple

Sudoku

EASY

	5	6	7		3		4	
	3				9		5	8
	4			5				
3	6 2	8	9	1				4
	2	7		8		1	9	
4				3	5	8	7	6
				7			1	
1	7		5				6	
	9		1		4	7	8	

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7	6	3	9	8	4	1	2	5
4	9	8	1	2	5	3	7	6
1	4	2	7	3	6	5	9	8
3	8	7	2	5	9	6	1	4
9	5	6	4	1	8	7	3	2
6	7	9	8	4	1	2	5	3
2	1	5	6	9	3	8	4	7
8	3	4	5	7	2	9	6	1

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

Friday's Solution

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F4 O1 R1 W4 O1 R1 N1 RACK 1 = 63

I₁ S₁ E₁ C₃ T₁

I1 L1 L1 T1 O1 P3

G2 I1 R1 L1 I1 S1 H4









PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS









Forecast



46 30

Today: Mostly sunny and breezy today. Clear tonight.



45

5 36

Tomorrow: Some rain tomorrow. Chance for rain mixing with snow tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







36 | 35 | 45 | 32 | 51 | 35

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:36 a.m. Sunset today: 6:04 p.m. Moonrise today: 12:41 a.m. Moonset today: 10:47 a.m. Almanac Normal high: 51 Record high: 79 Normal low: 34

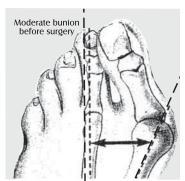
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Crossword

HOW ARE YOU?

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59 60

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13 12

ACROSS

- 1 ___ drum (Caribbean instrument)
- 6 Accomplishes, to
- Shakespeare 10 Hog filler
- 14 Cognizant
- 15 It might come off the top of your head
- 16 "Dynamic" prefix
- 17 What some ions have
- 20 Inventor Nikola
- 21 Paradigms of sluggishness
- 22 Words from sponsors
- 24 Was familiar with
- 27 This and that
- 28 Funny, but not funny ha-ha
- 31 Slug secretion
- 33 Shrimn snare
- 34 Zeniths' antitheses
- 36 Cinematic spectacles
- 38 The answer "no"
- 42 Ancient Greek gathering place
- 43 Monk of TV sleuthing
- 45 Big ____, Calif. 48 Barbecue rods
- 50 Careful observers
- 51 Chemically nonreactive
- 53 It may be reserved
- 55 Kind of horse or monkey 56 Gets a glimpse of
- 58 In the ___ of (among)
- 61 What those neither "for"
- nor "against" take 66 Hoops Hall-of-Famer
- Thurmond 67 Italian coin of old
- 68 "Purlie" star Moore
- 69 Bass and Harn
- 70 First family's home
- 71 Acrobatic maneuver

- 1 Vermont harvest
- 2 What it takes to tango
- 3 Big Apple slice
- 4 Lake southwest of Lake Ontario
- 5 Permits

- 6 Armless couches
- 7 Versified rhapsody
- 8 Clue collector, slangily
- 9 Cries of derision
- 10 Jazz great Vaughan 11 "American" or "Foreign"
- follower 12 Words of warning
- 13 Sweet spiced hot milk
- curdled with beer
- 18 Type, derogatorily
- 19 Go in advance
- 22 Barley bristle
- 23 College bigwig
- 25 Lift up
- 26 Disposable cleaning aid 29 Capital on the Baltic
- Sea
- 30 Racing vehicle

32 "Mighty Aphrodite" star Sorvino

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62 63

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- 35 "Cool it!"
- 37 Ballerina-like
- 39 Flower of one's eye?
- 40 MRI tech's instruction
- 41 Easily maneuvered, on
- 55-Across
- 44 CIA relative
- 45 "Burnt" Crayola color
- 46 Break open
- 47 Public esteem
- 49 Margaret Mead subject
- 52 Acts of worship
- 54 "Whether ___ nobler
- 57 2-for-1 event 59 Adjusts for romantic
- effect, as lights

60 Word before "off" or "lively"

64 65

- 62 Canister top 63 Historic introduction?
- 64 Part of a geisha's garment

65 Musical King Cole

Friday's Solution



TODAY IN HISTORY

The U.S. Constitution takes effect as the first Federal Congress meets in New York.

President Ronald Reagan addresses the nation on the Iran-Contra affair, saying his overtures to Iran "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal.

Packers guarterback Brett Favre retires after 17 years. (He made a comeback with the Jets, then the Vikings, before retiring again.)

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SIBLING RIVALRY

Britney Still Ahead on Kids, Failed Marriages

> Jamie Lynn Spears, sister of Britney Spears, is engaged to boyfriend Jamie Watson, she tweeted on Saturday. She also posted a photo of her round-cut diamond ring with the caption "he did good" on Instagram. This is Spears' first marriage. She has a daughter, Maddie, from a previous relationship. (EXPRESS)

BAD ASSUMPTIONS

The 18-49 Demo Can't Tell **The Difference Between Two People Named Jimmy**

Unnamed "high level" sources told the Hollywood Reporter that NBC is planning to replace Jay Leno with Jimmy Fallon in 2014, in part due to competition from ABC's Jimmy Kimmel in the 11:35 p.m. time slot. "Jay wins overall, but on any given night, it's neck-and-neck in 18-49," said a source. (EXPRESS)



This photo was chosen to ease our fear that we're picturing the wrong Jimmy.



'She's the Daughter I Nev— Wait, I Have **Three Daughters?**

Charlie Sheen says he can help Lindsay Lohan save her career. She "needs a mentor, whether she wants one or not," he told TMZ.com, "She can continue to hang out with her dress-shredding club buddies, or turn to me for some advice from a guy who's been down the road as well as every other side trail." (EXPRESS)



We deeply regret Googling "justin bieber mannequin head."

What Is This 'No' Of Which You Speak?

Justin Bieber's 19th birthday party on Friday ended abruptly when the staff at London's Cirque du Soir wouldn't admit 14-year-old Jaden Smith, Usmagazine.com reported. Bieber and his entourage left after 15 minutes at the club rather than celebrate without Smith. According to Radar online.com, the group wound up at McDonald's. "Worst birthday," Bieber tweeted later. (EXPRESS)



FEATS OF ATHLETICISM Those Cardio-Kickboxing Classes Finally Paid Off!

A photo of Ben Affleck apparently kicking at paparazzi on Friday was not what it seemed, TMZ.com reported. Several photographers swarmed Affleck and his 4-year-old daughter, Seraphina, who was frightened. Affleck said "you need to be this far away" and swung his leg to denote his personal space. (EXPRESS)

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